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"Tsk. Her guilt is clear as day." Landon glared at the girl. "Is further Investigation even needed? Why would she be trying to wriggle out through a doggy door if she was Innocent?"

"It's needed," Jasper said sternly. "I want to catch the mastermind behind this."

"Mister Mr. Beckett, I had a family emergency. That's why I had to find a way to leave. The doors were all locked. I didn't do anything, I swear!" the maid cried.

"I remember you. You were the one who served us our drinks," Landon said.

Alyssa added, "You told me my brother was sick and led the way there."

"I've checked the CCTV, sir. No one else was with her when she was in the kitchen all the way to the banquet hall. She didn't speak to anyone either. She was the only one who came into contact with those drinks," Xavier reported.

"That That doesn't mean I laced your drinks!" the maid cried, panicked.

"Oh?" Alyssa cocked her head. "When did we say the drinks were laced?"

Everyone's gaze instantly fell onto the maid like arrows on a straw dummy.

"I overheard earlier on the way here..."

"Overhead? Damn, you must have really big ears."

Xavier was nearly frothing at the mouth at how outrageous her excuses were. He pulled out the footage on his phone and handed it to

Jasper.

Xavier stated, "According to our investigation, we have no footage of her directly lacing the drinks with anything."

The maid, and also Betty, sighed in relief.

Xavier continued, "But we did find this."

Alyssa leaned in to look at the phone screen, to which Jasper automatically stepped closer to her for her convenience.

Their foreheads struck one another, the pain quickly fading into heat.

Alyssa looked away after their gazes met for a brief second.

That gesture made Jasper's heart hurt.

The video footage depicted the kitchen maid in the backyard taking out the trash and then looking around cautiously before she tossed

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She stayed away from all the cameras on the way back but missed out on the hidden camera in the garden. We've taught her red-handed, sir." Xavier sneered.

"N-No! I was only throwing some medicine vials I had taken. They were just normal painkillers!" the maid cited desperately.

Jasper ignored her. "Did you bring the evidence, Xavier?"

"Here, sir."

Xavier handed Jasper the empty vials in a plastic bag. Jasper's jaw lightened as he examined the vials. "Send these to the laboratory straight away. If this turns out to be something else other than painkillers, this all is heading behind bars."

The kitchen maid burst into tears, kneeling down to beg for mercy. "Please have mercy, Mr. Beckett! I wasn't the one behind the drugging, I

swear!"

She then turned around, pointing straight at Betty. "It was her! Ms. Betty instructed me to do it!"

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Betty immediately became the best straw dummy.

"Did

Did you really do this, Betty?" Newton asked in pure disbelief.

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Landon's eyes narrowed as he glared at Betty. If Laurie hadn't accidentally drunk that wine, he would have become a victim under a hand!

Alyssa remained calm throughout, a faint sneer on her lips. It was as if she had grown bored of all the vileness present.

"How dare you accuse me, you bitch?" Betty shrieked, about to storm up to the maid and kick her in the face when Sophia reined her in. "I'm Javier Beckett's daughter. Think of what I would do to you if you accused me of such a vile crime!"

She might be sharp-tongued on the surface, but Betty was actually terrified out of her wits. She couldn't drag Liana down with her, as that would reveal them as cohorts.

Suddenly, Betty realized Liana had used her.

"How could you be so evil as to accuse my daughter? Our family treats all of you servants very kindly. Yet, here you are, still trying to drug these two young men. Now you're trying to shift the blame on my daughter? Damn you!" Sophia yelled.

She tugged Javier's hand, saying. "Quick, call the police! Lock this evil woman up right now! She's slandering our daughter!"

Obviously, Javier wouldn't believe that her daughter would do something so vile. "Get her up from the floor. Someone call the police!"

"No! No, it wasn't me! Ms. Betty told me to do this! She even said she would pay me a big sum afterward so I could quit my job and live a rich life! Why are you still lying, Betty Beckett? You were the one who wanted to seduce and sleep with Mr. Harper! Say something!" the maid screeched, glaring at Betty.

Sophia wanted to shove her foot in the girl's mouth so she would stop talking. She quickly had someone take her away.

The maid had no evidence, she was sure. If she did, it would have been presented already.

On the other hand, Alyssa had understood the gist of everything and concluded that things were not that simple.

She had lived with the Beckett family for three years, and she had grown to understand Betty Beckett pretty well in these three years.

Betty had always been straightforward and upfront with her actions, never capable of coming up with something so backward and evil

Her mother, Sophia, however, was definitely capable of this. Yet, she would never oust her own daughter as a scapegoat under any circumstances.

That could only mean Liana was the primary suspect behind all this.

Sure enough, there was a hint of a smirk on Liana's face.

inger rose in Alyssa's throat like bile, but she forced it down. She had no evidence, after all. Any accusations would be useless right now. Alyssa wouldn't give Liana a chance to mewl or cry her way out of this.

am truly sorry for the trouble my family and I have caused your family, Mr. Taylor." Javier bowed. "We should have done better and voided all this trouble."

inston hummed in acknowledgment, but neither a smile nor frown appeared on his face.

is made Javier wince. Was Winston trying to mess with him? Javier was desperately praying for Winston to at least say something.

owever, Jasper couldn't stomach this. "But this wasn't."

hey've already apologized, Dad. Why don't we just let them go for now? We've caught the maid. And nothing too serious happened to nah and me. Why don't we give them a second chance, hm?" Alyssa spoke up, interrupting Jasper to speak to her father.